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CONGRESSIONALLY DESIGNATED AREAS

Interviewer read: In the past, our Congress has established a vast system of federally managed natural areas. Some of these areas offer outstanding natural scenery and recreational opportunities.

1. How do you feel about designating some of these outstanding federal areas so they will be managed especially for their scenery and recreation opportunities?

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Not sure
4. Somewhat opposed
5. Strongly opposed

Interviewer read: In the past, the Congress has designated a number of outstanding federal areas as National Parks, but there are other federal areas that also have outstanding scenery and recreation potential.

2. How do you feel about designating some of these other outstanding federal natural areas to be managed especially for their scenery and recreation opportunities?

6. Strongly support
7. Somewhat support
8. Not sure
9. Somewhat opposed
10. Strongly opposed

3. Were you aware that the Congress has in past years designated some of these other outstanding federal natural areas as National Recreation Areas, Scenic Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers or National Monuments? (Y/N)

4. Of the following federal agencies, please tell me which to your knowledge is responsible for managing National Recreation Areas, Scenic Areas, wild and scenic Rivers, or National Monuments? (Y/N to each agency) (Program to randomize order.)

11. U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
12. Natural Resources Conservation Service
13. U. S. Forest Service
14. National Park Service
15. The Bureau of Land Management
16. The Environmental Protection Agency

5. Have you ever visited a federal area you knew for sure was a National Recreation Area, Scenic Area, Wild and Scenic River or National Monument? (Y/N) (If yes, ask Q 6, If no, go to next module of questions)

6. What is the name of the area you visited?

_____ Name
(If they cannot remember the name, then start 7. Recalling the area you visited)

7. Recalling (name of area as they gave it), how would you rate each of the following services or facilities at that area on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being exceptionally low and 5 being exceptionally high. If you are not sure, please tell me (Randomize)

17. Cleanliness of restrooms, facilities and grounds
18. Helpfulness of area employees
19. Reasonableness of fees for use of the area and services
20. Availability and quality of maps, informational signs, and bulletin boards
21. Ability to bring pets
22. Availability and quality of recreation facilities, such as picnic tables, boat ramps, camp sites
23. Availability and quality of trails for walking and hiking
24. Accessibility for physically disabled or sight or hearing impaired
25. Availability and quality of interpretive programs, and opportunities to learn about the area

7a. Recalling (name of area as they gave it), how would you rate each of the following characteristics of that area on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being exceptionally low and 5 being exceptionally high. If you are not sure, please tell me (Randomize)

26. Closeness and convenience of the area to where I live
27. Quality and availability of roads and parking
28. Quality of the natural scenery in the area
29. Opportunity to see wildlife, birds or wildflowers
30. Safety and security of the area